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Title: METHOD FOR ACTIVATING THE
SUCTION HOLES OF ROLLERS FOR
PAPER CONVERTING MACHINES
AND ROLLERS FOR CARRYING
OUT THIS METHOD

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 11, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Status is on page 2.

Summary of USPTO Fees begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 14 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.

STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 5-11 are withdrawn, with traverse, from consideration.

Claim 1 is objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Huber (U.S. Patent No. 4,145,040).

SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HEREWITH

Extension of Time

A separate petition for an extension of time of two (2) months up to and including February 12, 2007, to respond to the outstanding Office Action, along with the appropriate fee for a small entity of \$225, is enclosed herewith.